

**Amendments to the Specification**

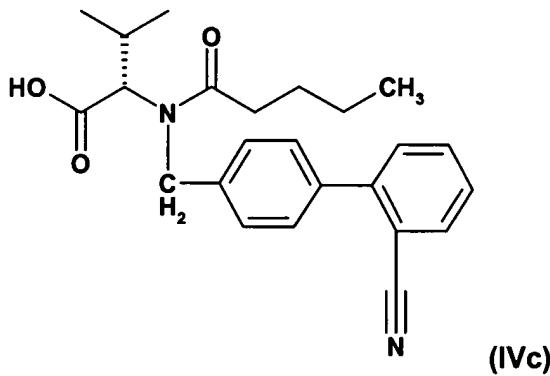
Please substitute the abstract provided herein on a separate sheet, with the abstract previously submitted in this application.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18 beginning "with a compound of formula..." i.e., paragraph [086] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0086] with a compound of formula (R.<sub>sub.1</sub>)(R.<sub>sub.2</sub>)M-N.<sub>sub.3</sub> (II b'), wherein R.<sub>sub.1</sub> and R.<sub>sub.2</sub>, independently of one another, represent an organic residue and M is aluminum or boron; and isolating the resulting compound of formula (IV).

Please replace the paragraph on page 20 beginning "A preferred variant of the process according to ..." i.e., paragraph [088] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0088] A preferred variant of the process according to the present invention for the manufacture of a compound of formula (IV b) is characterized by reacting a compound of formula (IV c)



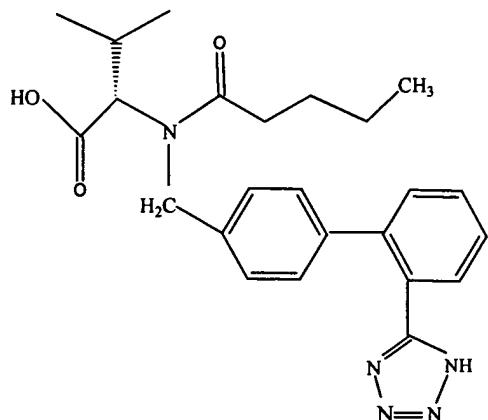
or an ester thereof with an azide of formula (R.<sub>sub.1</sub>)(R.<sub>sub.2</sub>)M-N.<sub>sub.3</sub> (IIb), wherein R.<sub>sub.1</sub> and R.<sub>sub.2</sub>, independently of each other and M, have the meanings as defined above, and isolating the compound of formula (IV b).

Please replace the paragraph on page 22 beginning "reacting a compound of formula..." ... i.e., paragraph [0095] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0095] (b) reacting a compound of formula (V-b) (VIb) with an azide of formula  $(R.\text{sub}.1)(R.\text{sub}.2)\text{M-N}.\text{sub}.3$  (II b), wherein the variables  $R.\text{sub}.1$  and  $R.\text{sub}.2$ , independently of one another and M, have the meanings as defined above; resulting in a compound of formula (VI c) or a tautomer or salt thereof

Please replace the paragraph on page 27 beginning "the present invention furthermore relates..." ... i.e., paragraph [0122] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0122] ~~The present invention furthermore relates~~ Steps (a') to (d') relate to a process for the manufacture of the compound of formula (IV b)



or a tautomer thereof or a salt thereof, comprising

Please replace the first paragraph on page 29 beginning "the present invention likewise relates..." ... i.e., paragraph [0127] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

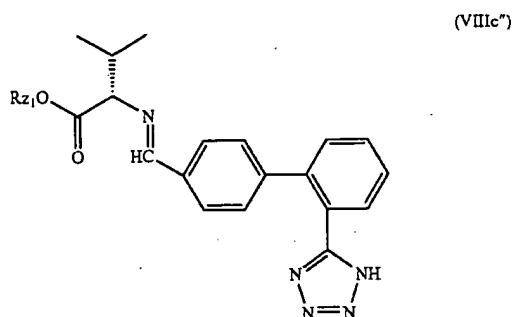
[0127] ~~The present invention likewise relates to a process for the manufacture of a A~~ compound of formula (IV b) or a tautomer or a salt thereof may be prepared by a process comprising the reaction sequence comprising the full sequence comprising steps (a) to (c) for the manufacture of a compound of formula (VI) and then subsequent steps (a') to (d') for the manufacture of a compound of formula (IV b).

Please replace the first paragraph on page 32 beginning "the reductive amination..." i.e., paragraph [0141] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0141] The reductive amination is carried out in a suitable inert solvent or a mixture of solvents including water. Inert solvents conventionally do not react with the corresponding starting materials of formulae (VIII-a VI) and (VIII b). If an alkali metal borohydride such as sodium borohydride or lithium borohydride; an earth alkali metal borohydride such as calcium borohydride; an alkali metal cyanoborohydride, such as sodium cyanoborohydride or lithium cyanoborohydride, is used as reducing agent, for example, a polar solvent, for example, an alcohol such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or 2-methoxyethanol, or glyme, is preferred. If an alkali metal tri-(C<sub>sub</sub>.1-C<sub>sub</sub>.7-alkoxy)-borohydride such as sodium trimethoxy-ethoxy-borohydride; a tetra-C<sub>sub</sub>.1-C<sub>sub</sub>.7-alkylammonium-(cyano)borohydride such as tetrabutylammonium-borohydride or tetrabutylammonium-cyanoborohydride, is used as reducing agent, for example, hydrocarbons, such as toluene, esters such as ethylacetate or isopropylacetate, ethers such as tetrahydrofuran or tert-butylmethylether are preferred. If hydrogen or a hydrogen donor is used as reducing system, each in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst, a polar solvent is preferred. The reductive amination can also be carried out e.g. in a mixture of an organic solvent with water, both mono- and biphasic. In a biphasic system a phase transfer catalyst such as tetrabutylammoniumhalide, e.g. bromide, or benzyltrimethylammonium halide, e.g. chloride, may be added.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 33 beginning "the reaction of a compound of formula (VIII a)" i.e., paragraph [0143] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0143] The reaction of a compound of formula (VIII-a VI) with a compound of formula (VIII b) results in an intermediately formed imine (Schiff base) of formula (VIII c")



or a tautomer or a salt thereof, wherein  $R_{z1}$  has the meaning as given above and wherein the tetrazole ring is unprotected or protected by a tetrazole protecting group that can, under certain reaction conditions, be isolated or that can be subjected to the reduction without isolation.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 33 and 34 beginning "if Step (a') is carried out via first manufacturing" i.e., paragraph [0145] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0145] If Step (a') is carried out via first manufacturing and isolating a compound of formula (VIII c"), a compound of formula (VIII-a VI) is reacted with a compound of formula (VIII b), maybe in the presence of a base, if  $R_{z1}$  is hydrogen and the tetrazole ring is not protected. Compounds of formula (VIII c") can then be converted into corresponding compounds of formula (VIII c') by reducing the compounds of formula (VIII c") with a corresponding reducing agent as mentioned above.

Please replace the sixth full paragraph on page 34 beginning "The compounds of formulae" i.e., paragraph [0151] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0151] The compounds of formulae (VIII-a VI) and (VIII b) are partially known and can be prepared according to methods known per se.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 37 beginning "Another embodiment of the present invention is" i.e., paragraph [0151] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0170] ~~Another embodiment of the present invention is the use of a~~ A compound of formulae (VI a), (VI b), or (VI c) can be used for the manufacture of a compound of formula (IV a), especially (IV b) or tautomer or a salt thereof, by carrying out corresponding reaction steps as described hereinbefore and hereinafter.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 37 beginning "Another embodiment of the present invention is" i.e., paragraph [0171] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0171] A further preferred embodiment of the present invention is a process for the manufacture of a compound of formula



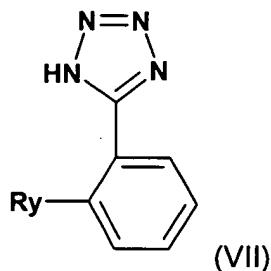
a tautomeric form thereof, wherein  $R_y$  represents  $C_1-C_8$ -alkyl such as methyl;  $C_1-C_8$ -alkyl substituted by  $X'$  and  $X'$  being halogen, sulphonyloxy, hydroxyl, protected hydroxyl, such as bromomethyl, formyl or an acetal thereof; comprising reacting a compound of formula (VII a')



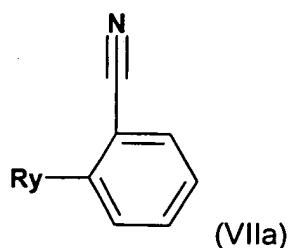
with a compound of formula  $(R_1)(R_2)M-N_3$  (II b), wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , independently of one another, represent an organic residue and M is aluminum or boron; and isolating the resulting compound of formula (VII').

Please replace paragraph on page 38 beginning "Another embodiment of the present invention is" i.e., paragraph [0172] in corresponding patent publication 2007-0043098 with the following amended paragraph:

[0172] A further preferred embodiment of the present invention is a process for the manufacture of a compound of formula



a tautomeric form thereof, wherein Ry represents  $C_1-C_8$ -alkyl such as methyl;  $C_1-C_8$ -alkyl substituted by  $X'$  and  $X'$  being halogen, sulphonyloxy, hydroxyl, protected hydroxyl, such as bromomethyl, formyl or an acetal thereof; comprising reacting a compound of formula (VII a)



with a compound of formula  $(R_1)(R_2)M-N_3$  (II b), wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , independently of one another, represent an organic residue and M is aluminum or boron; and isolating the resulting compound of formula (VII).